THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE) : (a) Based on a capacity addition target of 260 MW in Gujarat in the VIII Plan period (1992—97), the power supply position in Gujarat in the terminal year of the Plan (1996-97) is anticipated by the Central Electricity Authority to be as under :—

	Peak (MW)	Energy (Mkwh)
Requirement	5,487	33,645
Availability	3,802	27,645
Shortage	1,685	6,000
Percentage	30.7	17.8

(b) and (c) Towards meeting the anticipated shortfall, the following State Sector projects have been identified :—

Name of the Scheme	Total Installed Capacity (in MW)	Benefits during the 8th Plan (1992-97) MW	Likely schedule of commissioning
1. Kadana II Unit-3 & 4	2×60	120	1995-96
2. Sikka Extn. Unit-2	1×120	120	1992-93
3. Kutch Lignite Unit-3	1×70	70	1996-97
4. Utran CCGT	3×33+1×45	78	1992-93
5. Sardar Sarovar (16% share)	6×200+5×50	232	1995-96 (80 MW) 1996-97 (152 MW)
	TOTAL	620	

Coal/Lignite linkage have been given for projects at S. No. 2 & 3 above.

Besides the benefit of 620 MW during the VIII Plan from the above projects, Gujarat will get substantial power as its share from the Central Sector projects, likely to be commissioned during the Plan.

Free Calls for Telephone subscribers in Metros

*398. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Metro subscribers pay more for fewer phone calls;

(b) what are the reasons that contrary to popular belief, a telephone user making a call of less than five minutes could be charged for two calls;

(c) whether it is a fact that Department of Telecommunications has been accused of unfairly overcharging consumers to the tune of Rs. 450 crores under the new Scheme; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Only one call is charged for five minutes or less than 5 minutes.

(c) and (d) A press report to this effect appeared on 3-2-93. A rejoinder to this report was issued by M.T.N.L. on 5-2-93. It is not correct to say that the Government has unfairly charged consumers to the extent of Rs. 450 crores.